GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1911
ANSWERED ON:09.03.2016
Usage of Old Bogies
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have taken a note that there is huge deficiency of bogies resulting in usage of old and unserviceable bogies in the country including Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Railways in this regard Statewise;

(c) the details in regard to lifespan of passenger bogies attached to express trains originating/destined in Bihar;

(d) whether all these bogies have been fitted with Anti-telescopic facilities to avoid accidents and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of newly manufactured bogies allotted to the Eastern Railway, the details of the bogies sent for refurbishing and received back after refurbishing from the said rail divisions during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1911 BY SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.03.2016 REGARDING USAGE OF OLD BOGIES

(a)&(b) No, Madam. At present, there is no deficiency of bogies on Indian Railways for running scheduled services as per their scheduled composition. All coaches running in passenger services are well within permitted service life and maintained properly as per prescribed criterion.

(c) The lifespan of different types of passenger coaches, including those running in Mail & Express trains originating/destined in Bihar, is generally 25 years for conventional type Integral Coach Factory (ICF) design coaches, 30 years for Stainless Steel Bodied coaches and 35 years for Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) design coaches.

(d) Anti-telescopic features have been incorporated in the design of all mainline Broad Gauge passenger coaches so as to minimize injuries/casualties in case of accidents. Integral shells with collapsible coach ends are provided to absorb majority of the impact energy so as to cause less damage in passenger compartment area and avoid telescopic effect in case of accident.

(e) During the last three years allotment of new coaches made available to Eastern Railway is as under:-
Year Number of coaches (approx)
2013-14 131
2014-15 198
2015-16 (till date) 204

Complete refurbishing of coaches is being done during Mid-life Rehabilitation of indentified coaches. Besides, identified coaches are also refurbished during periodic overhauling in Workshop. Refurbishing of identified coaches is a continual process. In divisions under Eastern Railway, during the last 3 years, 155 coaches were sent for refurbishing and 182 refurbished coaches have been received.
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